



KINGSTON

Plymouth County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Kingston, a coastal community in Southeastern Massachusetts located about 35 miles from Boston, was established in 1726 and has an open town meeting form of government. It is principally a residential community with a small number of professional fishermen and cranberry growers. A large proportion of the residents are commuters, many of whom are looking forward to the restoration of the Old Colony rail service to Boston. Early industries in the town were iron casting, forging, ship building and woolen mills. Today, much of the town's commerce centers around retail business including the Independence Mall with its 100 stores located off Route 3. The town's early history as a part of the Plymouth Colony settled by the Pilgrims has spawned an active historical society that maintains the Major John Bradford House for public viewing and for summer brunches on its lawn. Public lands owned by the town on Kingston Bay and on Great Pond afford recreational opportunities, while summer programs for children are provided by the town's Recreation Commission.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Plympton on the west, Carver on the southwest, Plymouth on the southeast, Pembroke and Duxbury on the northwest and north, and Plymouth Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. Kingston is 4 miles north of Plymouth, 20 miles southeast of Brockton, and 33 miles southeast of Boston.

Total Area: 20.39 sq. miles

Land Area: 18.53 sq. miles

Population: 9,045

Density: 488 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Plymouth Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.0°F

Normal annual precipitation.....48.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Plymouth, Plympton, Hanover, Duxbury

Regional Planning Agency

Old Colony

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 585-0500

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1726

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	5,565		
Democrats	1,546	27.8	%
Republicans	1,047	18.8	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	2,972	53.4	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Kingston town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	11,780	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	11,780	100.0
Male.....	5,658	48.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	88	0.7
Female.....	6,122	52.0	Mexican.....	23	0.2
Under 5 years.....	986	8.4	Puerto Rican.....	20	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	937	8.0	Cuban.....	10	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	888	7.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	35	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	639	5.4	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	11,692	99.3
20 to 24 years.....	391	3.3	White alone.....	11,370	96.5
25 to 34 years.....	1,508	12.8	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	2,210	18.8	Total population.....	11,780	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,684	14.3	In households.....	11,496	97.6
55 to 59 years.....	582	4.9	Householder.....	4,248	36.1
60 to 64 years.....	354	3.0	Spouse.....	2,660	22.6
65 to 74 years.....	729	6.2	Child.....	3,871	32.9
75 to 84 years.....	611	5.2	Own child under 18 years.....	3,083	26.2
85 years and over.....	261	2.2	Other relatives.....	344	2.9
Median age (years).....	37.2	(X)	Under 18 years.....	96	0.8
18 years and over.....	8,544	72.5	Nonrelatives.....	373	3.2
Male.....	3,978	33.8	Unmarried partner.....	176	1.5
Female.....	4,566	38.8	In group quarters.....	284	2.4
21 years and over.....	8,254	70.1	Institutionalized population.....	153	1.3
62 years and over.....	1,815	15.4	Noninstitutionalized population.....	131	1.1
65 years and over.....	1,601	13.6	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	645	5.5	Total households.....	4,248	100.0
Female.....	956	8.1	Family households (families).....	3,138	73.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,631	38.4
One race.....	11,665	99.0	Married-couple family.....	2,660	62.6
White.....	11,427	97.0	With own children under 18 years.....	1,379	32.5
Black or African American.....	113	1.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	379	8.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	14	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	209	4.9
Asian.....	51	0.4	Nonfamily households.....	1,110	26.1
Asian Indian.....	1	-	Householder living alone.....	926	21.8
Chinese.....	29	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	469	11.0
Filipino.....	6	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,703	40.1
Japanese.....	1	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,062	25.0
Korean.....	3	-	Average household size.....	2.71	(X)
Vietnamese.....	6	0.1	Average family size.....	3.19	(X)
Other Asian ¹	5	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	Total housing units.....	4,525	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,248	93.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	277	6.1
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	155	3.4
Some other race.....	59	0.5	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.1	(X)
Two or more races.....	115	1.0	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.6	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	4,248	100.0
White.....	11,522	97.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,473	81.8
Black or African American.....	161	1.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	775	18.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	52	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.86	(X)
Asian.....	70	0.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.03	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-			
Some other race.....	93	0.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	56
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Kingston lies in the heart of the Old Colony Region between Boston and Cape Cod. The major highways are State Route 3 and Interstate 495, which give access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of the Greater Boston Region.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 3, the Southeast Expressway connecting Boston to Plymouth and Cape Cod, and State Route 106.

Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 from the station in Kingston. The Bay Colony Railroad provides freight rail service to Kingston. Contact number: (781) 380-3556

Bus

Kingston is a member of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Authority (GATRA), which provides Dial-A-Ride service to the elderly and disabled. The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company provides commuter service to Boston, with limited service to Rockland, Plymouth, Sagamore Circle commuter parking lot, Barnstable and Hyannis.

Other

The Plymouth Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 2,501'x 75' and 3,501'x 75'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Major John Bradford House
Maple Street and Landing Road
(781) 585-6300

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Bethesda At Evanswood Snf

Hospices

Cranberry Area Hospice

Rest Homes

Elizabeth Ann Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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